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Applicants hereby call the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-282047 to NIKON CORPORATION, published  
October 15, 1999, which was discussed on page 2 of Applicants' specification, along with  
an English language translation thereof;

U.S. Patent No. 5,870,638 to KUROSAWA, issued February 9, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,893,653 to ABE, issued April 13, 1999; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,035,147 to KUROSAWA, issued March 7, 2000.

Copies of the above listed documents are enclosed herewith for the convenience of  
the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Further, each of the above-  
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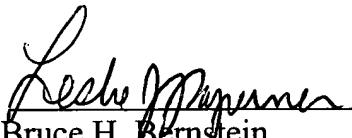
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